

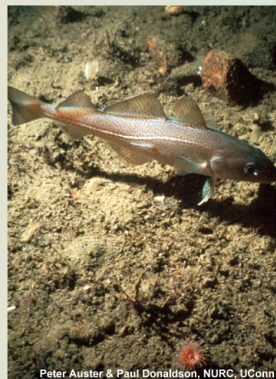


# STELLWAGEN BANK NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY



## Habitats

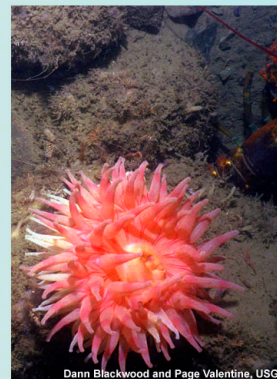
Sand & gravel bank  
Muddy basins  
Boulder fields  
Rocky ledges  
Open ocean



Peter Auster & Paul Donaldson, NURC, UConn  
Cod on sand/gravel sea floor



Peter Auster & Paul Donaldson, NURC, UConn  
Northern cerianths in muddy basin

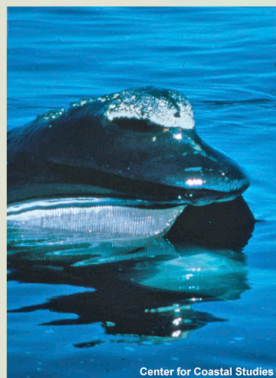


Dann Blackwood and Page Valentine, USGS  
Northern red anemone  
& lobster in boulder field



## Key Species

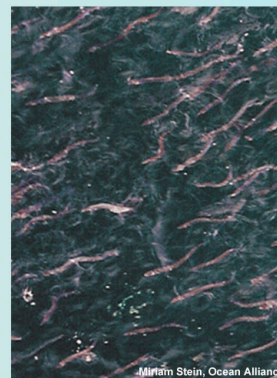
Northern right whale  
Humpback whale  
Atlantic white-sided  
dolphin  
Wilson's storm petrel  
Northern gannet  
Sand lance  
Atlantic cod  
Atlantic bluefin tuna  
Northern lobster



Center for Coastal Studies  
Northern right whale



Cynde Bierman, Ocean Alliance  
Atlantic white-sided dolphins



Miriam Stein, Ocean Alliance  
School of sand lance

## Astonishing Fact

*New England's famous storms—"nor'easters"—carry enough energy to redistribute sand across the top of Stellwagen Bank, some 100 feet below the sea surface.*







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## Astonishing Fact

*Nearly one million visitors come to Stellwagen Bank each year, many to see the endangered humpback whales, which feed in the rich waters over the bank. These active marine mammals prey on schools of sand lance, a type of small fish that can bury itself in the sandy sea floor.*



Greater Shearwaters

Dann Blackwood, USGS



Greg Skomal  
Blue Shark



Dann Blackwood  
Sea Scallop



Henry Lynch

Humpback Whale Breach

*Sanctuary designation  
November 1992*